(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Indian companies are expected to participate as per their perc ·'d benefits.

**Action Plan to upgrade the Skill of Workers**

3594. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the application of modern technology in the field of agriculture, buildings construction and forest employment, whether Government have any action plan to upgrade the skill of workers engaged in these areas, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Employment & Training in the Ministry of Labour is the Apex Organisation responsible for Vocation Training Programmes at the National level. At present, there is no specific action plan to upgrade the skills of workers engaged in the field of Agriculture, buildings construction and forest employment. However, Craftsmen, Training Scheme (CTS) implemented through 4172 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIS) through out the country catering to the need to school leavers in different fields covering 67 trades provide skilled work force for various sectors of economy.

Training is also[ imparted in 137 trades under the Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS). The training courses relevant to the areas of agriculture, buildings construction and forest employment under CTs and ATS are given in the statement. (see below)

Besides the above, "advanced training" is also imparted to upgrade the skill of the industrial workers in the fields of Welding and Refrigeration and Air-conditioning. For the benefit of women, training courses are also offered in the trades of Architectural Draftsmanship and Architectural Assistant.

Apart from the above, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Indian Council of Agricultural Reseurch (ICAR), Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Rural Area and Employment and Ministry of Human Resources Development also conduct training programmes in the above mentioned sectors for the benefit of workers in the un-organised sector.

The forest department personnel and the local people are provided training of Project Preparation, Micro Planning, Developing people's institution for joint forest management etc., by the Project Implementing Authorities in the Ministry of Environment & Forest and by the State Forest Department to upgrade their skills in these areas. Such training programmes are also organised from time to time by Regional Centres of the National Afforestation Eco-development Board (NAEB).

**Statement**

Trades under Craftsmen Training Scheme/Apprenticeship Training Schemes (CTS/ATS) relating to the areas of Agriculture, Buildings Construction and Forest Employment

| S.No. | Names of the Trade |
|---|---|
| 1. | Mech. Agricultural Machinery |
| 2. | Stockman (Dairy) |
| 3. | Pump-Mechanic |
| 4. | Mech. Tractor |
| 5. | Welder |
| 6. | Plumber |
| 7. | Mason (Building Constructor) |
| 8. | Carpenter |
| 9. | Painter (General) |
| 10. | Electrician |
| 11. | Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning |
| 12. | Draftsman Civil |
| 13. | Surveyor |
| 14. | Wireman |
| 15. | Furniture and Cabinet Maker |
| 16. | Mech Earth moving machinery |

| S.No. | Names of the Trade |
|---|---|
| 17. | Fitter Structural |
| 18. | Cane Willow and Bamboo Worker. |
| 19. | Preservation of Fruits & Vegetables. |
| 20. | Horticultural Assistant |
| 21. | Architectural Assistant (Basic). |

**Education and Training of Labourers**

†3595. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that young labourers are provided education and training through the programmes of Central Board for Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of youths trained and educated during 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(d) the annual average amount of expenditure allocated for conducting this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) Central Board for Workers Education, an autonomous body set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour in 1958 is implementing workers education programmes. The Board is organising various programmes for different categories of workers as per annexed statement (see below). In these programmes, 186999 and 197394 workers participated during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (upto 29.2.2000) respectively. Expenditure on the activities of the Board is met out of Grants-in-aid provided by the Government of India. During 1999-2000, Grants-in-aid amounting to Rs. 17.25 crores was provided to the Board.

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